

St. John's College, Humphreys Hall  
College Avenue  
Annapolis  
Anne Arundel County  
Maryland

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Maryland		COUNTY Anne Arundel	TOWN OR VICINITY Annapolis
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) St. John's College, Humphreys Hall			HABS NO. MD-274
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) College Avenue			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1835-37		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Robert Cary Long, Jr.	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Humphreys Hall was the first building constructed by St. John's College.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick, laid in American bond. Foundations are of granite.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Three stories over a high basement, rectangular, about 35'x70'.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE 12"x16" buttresses which define each bay; octagonal brick turrets with molded brick caps at each corner; central blank arch in gable on southeast end.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1958 Complete renovation to return building to original use as dorm; C. Frederick Houston, architect. Reopened as dorm in September 1959.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Dormitory			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Known simply as the "boarding House" until 1857 when J.G. Proud suggested its present name in honor of President Hector Humphreys, who had led the most ambitious building program in the College's history. During the Civil War, the dorm was used as a barracks by the Union Army, and later as administrative offices of St. Johns.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Old Views: Picture Files, Alumni Office, St. Johns College. Forbes Collection of Photographs, Hall of Records, Annapolis, #73,190,479. Biblio: Buildings Files, Alumni and Registrar's Offices, St. John's College (Cont'd p.:			
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